

## CHRISTIAN PARTY CONFERENCE HELD

Asks for 144,000 Volunteers to Cooperate in Lifting Up Lord's Standard to Nations.

### WAY IS SEEN TO END THE WAR

Wants Decalogue Used as Basis of All Legislation By the United States Congress.

The annual conference of the united Christian party was held yesterday at Davenport. Delegates were present from several states, but it was decided not to nominate a ticket, the party electing to throw its influence to any party that would endorse its platform. W. R. Benkert, Davenport, national chairman of the party, gave out the newly adopted platform to the press today. It is as follows:

"We the united Christian party in annual national conference, gathered in His name by letter and in person, in Davenport, Iowa, May 1, 1916, reaffirm our former platform, which is based on and measured by the decalogue and the Christ rule, and asks for the national adoption and use of Lord's standard, direct legislation of the people, woman's suffrage, the abolition of war and capital punishment, the prohibition of the manufacture and sale of intoxicating drink, uniform marriage and divorce law, the government ownership of coal mines, oil wells and public utilities, a more just and less burdensome tax system, and a more perfect cooperative system of government in accord with the divine law of which King Jesus the Christ said, 'Not one jot or tittle of the law shall fail or pass away until all be fulfilled.'

"In love for God and for humanity, and with a full conception of the awful international conditions that now exist, and without comment on the powers that be, or reflection on any party or their past work or present motives, knowing that Jehovah our God wrote and gave us the decalogue to be the world-wide national standard and measure for all our laws and governments, we now declare to every state and nation, that the national adoption and use of the Lord's national decalogue standard should be and is the paramount national issue of the surviving nations in the present awful crisis of nations.

"We firmly believe and declare that Almighty God's commandments are the keys to His kingdom and will on earth, and the schoolmaster to bring the nations as well as individuals to Christ, and because 'Thou shalt not kill' was intended for the state and for nations, as well as for individual murder, the Christian party has presented a resolution and request to congress, which was introduced to the house by the late Congressman I. S. Pepper May 9, 1911, and introduced to the United States senate by Senator W. S. Kenyon, Dec. 10, 1915, asking that the

## TENOR SOLOIST IS A LOCAL FAVORITE



Albert Lindquest.

Mr. Lindquest, who appears as tenor soloist with the Minneapolis Symphony orchestra at the spring festival, May 10-11 of the Tri-City Musical association, is a favorite locally, having appeared here in recital as well as soloist with the orchestra on its appearance here last year, when he also took the leading part in J. Victor Bergquist's oratorio "Golgotha." He has an unusually beautiful quality of tone and sings with deep understanding of the composition in hand. Karleton Hackett, music critic of the Chicago Evening Post, says: Albert Lindquest is that rare man with a genuinely beautiful tenor voice and a phenomenal upper range. He should easily develop into a really great singing artist, for he sings with feeling and a splendid musical intelligence.

Tickets for the course are on sale at Ramsay jewelry store, Rock Island; Schmidt Piano company, Davenport, and Tri-City Piano company, Moline. The general seat sale opens May 8 at the coliseum, Davenport. A special price has been made to students for the matinee performance.

United States shall adopt and use the decalogue and the Christ rule for the basis of legislation and the administration of all its laws, which was read twice, ordered printed and filed for further action by congress.

### Ask Report By Congress.

"We now ask congress for a report as to what further action has or will be taken by congress in regards to this important resolution and request, and because America was forced into to set an example to all nations; and it is now up to united Christianity and national obedience to end war. We now ask all God-fearing people to pray that the United States may not prove to be anti-Christian, and that our national leaders and lawmakers may be far seeing and wise enough to act and report on this resolution and request soon, and not too fearful or cowardly to adopt the Lord's national standard.

"By faith in God and in the common people, and in the final victory and triumph of national Christianity, we call for the names and addresses of 144,000 volunteers who will cooperate with us in lifting up the Lord's standard to all nations for the overthrow of Satan's kingdom on earth, and because the Christian party will cooperate with any party that will adopt and use the Lord's national standard, we ask the press to kindly publish this call and gospel of the kingdom of God, as a witness to all nations, regardless of sex, nationality, creed, color or party.

"We ask all progressive Christians and patriots to unite in a oneness of purpose to hold the balance of power of righteousness, and as followers of the Lamb, we challenge all nations and any party or individual in this world to show a better way to end war, a more perfect national standard, or a safer basis for national and international peace to the glory of God and for humanity, and to help fulfill Isaiah 2:4 and 59:10, in accord with Matthew 6:10-22 and Rev. 7 and 14, in love and in His name."

### Tea Imports Grow.

Batavia, Dutch East Indies.—A striking increase is shown in the exports of Java tea during the past year. They attained the record figure of 92,000,000 half kilograms, as compared with 65,000,000 in 1914. The island has become a dangerous competitor of the British far eastern colonies for the Russian market.

Prices remained on a high level throughout the year. The value in Java of the total exports is about \$14,720,000.



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## ORDINANCE WOULD BRINGSIMPLICITY

Measure Providing Change in Names of "Half" Streets and Avenues Meeting With Favor.

As a committee of the whole the Rock Island commission will at 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon take up for further consideration an ordinance providing a change in the names of the "half" streets and avenues, substituting "places" and "courts" for the fractional designation.

The object is simplification, assistance in the proper delivery of mail and other matter, elimination of confusion and removal of a misnomer as to the designation of half streets and half avenues.

To strangers and persons not familiar with the local situation the term "half street" or "half avenue" implies an alley. There are very few cities in the United States but have obliterated this system where it was ever in vogue. People on the streets and avenues affected as far as is known who have taken an interest in the matter favor the change. There is nothing in it to occasion confusion.

The streets and avenues affected now known as "half" such as Fourteenth-and-a-half street and Ninth-and-a-half avenue, would be changed to Fourteenth place and Ninth court, etc., and the city would have simple American system of courts, places, streets and avenues, and all fractional designations would disappear. There is no difference of opinion in town as to the advisability of dropping the "half," but suggestions have been

made for geographical designation, such as "Fourteenth street east" for Fourteenth-and-a-half street and "Ninth avenue south" for Ninth-and-a-half avenue, etc.

But the ordinance under consideration provides for courts and places.

## WENNERBERGS SING TO LARGE AUDIENCE

With a strong program and personnel, the Wennerberg male chorus of Augustana college sang its way into the appreciation of the large audience which packed the chapel of the college building last evening to hear the college boys in their annual concert. Every number was rendered with strength and a clear manner which must please, and every number was readily applauded. The encore numbers were no less interesting than those on the regular program and the soloists who appeared made a decidedly good impression on the audience. Miss Ebba Abrahamson, the reader, who gave four interesting selections, received nothing but approbation. Her style was easy and her grace upon the platform was one of the beautiful details of the evening.

Professor J. Victor Bergquist, director of the chorus, was acclaimed by Dr. Andreen for his good work. The president of the college also thanked the chorus in behalf of the school for the material assistance which the chorus has given toward purchasing the property directly opposite from the book concern.

The program was selected from the best numbers of the repertoire and Miss Mabel Bolman, violin, and Martin Dahlberg, organ, were recalled by the exacting hearers.

The chorus members are: Martin Dahlberg, Eskil Hawkins, Elmer Petersen, Vernon Erickson, Anders Nel-

son, Emil Johnson, Karl Freeman, Herbert Nordlander, Clarence Granlund, Carl Swanson, Virgilus Fern, G. W. Henry, Hugo Gibson, Theodore Rydback, Constant Johnson, Paul Engstrand, Arthur Swedberg, Paul Randolph, Hjalmar Bergin and Wilbur Palmquist. The officers are: President—G. W. Henry. Vice president—Clarence Granlund. Secretary—Carl Swanson. Treasurer—Hugo Gibson. Manager—Andre Kemp. Assistant manager—Theodore Rydback.

Last evening the papers announced erroneously that the Orlo chorus of female voices would appear tonight at Augustana in concert. This will be given one week from tonight, May 9. At that time the girls will present a most attractive program.

Rev. Adolph Hult, who came to the

Augustana theological seminary last fall to serve as a professor, will be installed this evening, the ceremonies to be held in the college chapel. The program which has been arranged is built around the principal addresses of the evening, the installation of Rev. Hult by Dr. L. A. Johnson, president of the Augustana synod, and the address of Rev. Hult, "The Standpoint of the Church Historian." Song numbers have been arranged, the Wennerbergs to give selections and an octette will close the program. From 7:00 to 7:30 the college band will give a concert.

Adelphic Literary society of Augustana college will be the host to the Illinois Association of Literary societies, which will meet in Rock Island Friday and Saturday of this week. On those two days a series of forensic contests, including oratory, dramatics and piano solos will be held, 28 repre-

sentatives, the pick of the literary societies of the state of Illinois, to compete. The session of the society has been planned throughout the winter months.

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